



ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Information Collection Request Submitted to OMB for Review and Approval; Comment Request; TSCA Section 402 and Section 404 Training and Certification, Accreditation and Standards for Lead-Based Paint Activities and Renovation, Repair, and Painting

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency has submitted a new information collection request (ICR), “TSCA Section 402 and Section 404 Training and Certification, Accreditation and Standards for Lead-Based Paint Activities and Renovation, Repair, and Painting” (EPA ICR No. 1715.14, OMB Control No. 2070-0155) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*). This is a proposed extension of the ICR, which is currently approved through December 31, 2015. Public comments were previously requested via the *Federal Register* (79 FR 78084) on December 29, 2014, during a 60-day comment period. This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments. A full description of the ICR is given below, including its estimated burden and cost to the public. An Agency may not conduct or sponsor and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

DATES: Additional comments may be submitted on or before **[INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]**.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, referencing Docket ID Number EPA-HQ-OPPT-2014-0486, to (1) EPA online using <http://www.regulations.gov> (our preferred method), by email to

oppt.ncic@epa.gov, or by mail to: EPA Docket Center, Environmental Protection Agency, Mail Code 28221T, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20460, and (2) OMB via email to oira_submission@omb.eop.gov. Address comments to OMB Desk Officer for EPA.

EPA's policy is that all comments received will be included in the public docket without change including any personal information provided, unless the comment includes profanity, threats, information claimed to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Colby Lintner, Environmental Assistance Division, Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Mail code: 7408-M, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: 202-554-1404; fax number: 202-564-8251; email address: TSCA-Hotline@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Supporting documents, which explain in detail the information that the EPA will be collecting, are available in the public docket for this ICR. The docket can be viewed online at <http://www.regulations.gov> or in person at the EPA Docket Center, WJC West, Room 3334, 1301 Constitution Ave., NW, Washington, DC. The telephone number for the Docket Center is 202-566-1744. For additional information about EPA's public docket, visit <http://www.epa.gov/dockets>.

Abstract: This information collection request (ICR) combines information collection activities defined in existing ICRs 1715.09 (lead-based paint activities), 1715.10 (2008 Renovation, Repair and Painting final rule), and 1715.12 (2010 Renovation, Repair and Painting opt-out and recordkeeping final rule) covering the reporting and recordkeeping requirements for individuals or firms conducting lead-based paint activities or renovation in or on houses, apartments, or child-occupied facilities built before 1978, under the authority of sections 402 and 404 of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) (15 U. S. C. 2682, 2684).

Sections 402(a) and 402(c)(3) of TSCA require EPA to develop and administer a training and certification program as well as work practice standards for persons who perform lead-based paint activities and/or renovations. The current regulations in 40 CFR part 745, subpart E, cover work practice standards, recordkeeping and reporting requirements, individual and firm certification, and enforcement for renovations done in target housing or child-occupied facilities. The current regulations in 40 CFR part 745, subpart L, cover inspections, lead hazard screens, risk assessments, and abatement activities (referred to as “lead-based paint activities”) done in target housing and child-occupied facilities. The current regulations in 40 CFR part 745, subpart Q, establish the requirements that state or tribal programs must meet for authorization to administer the standards, regulations, or other requirements established under TSCA section 402. (See Attachment 2 for 40 CFR 745, Subparts E, L and Q.) Section 401 of TSCA defines target housing as any housing constructed before 1978 except housing for the elderly or disabled or 0-bedroom dwellings.

Sections 402(a) and 402(c)(3) of TSCA require reporting and/or recordkeeping from four entities: firms engaged in lead-based paint activities or renovations in target housing and child-occupied facilities; individuals who perform lead-based paint activities in target housing and child-occupied facilities; training providers; and states/territories/tribes/Alaskan native villages.

Responses to the collection of information are mandatory. Respondents may claim all or part of a response confidential. EPA will disclose information that is covered by a claim of confidentiality only to the extent permitted by, and in accordance with, the procedures in TSCA section 14 and 40 CFR part 2.

Form Numbers: 8500-25; 8500-27.

Respondents/affected entities: Persons who provide training in lead-based paint activities and/or renovation, persons who are engaged in lead-based paint activities and/or renovation, and

state agencies that administer lead-based paint activities and/or renovation programs.

Respondent's obligation to respond: Mandatory (40 CFR 745, subparts E, L and Q).

Estimated number of respondents: 367,815 (total).

Frequency of response: Annual.

Total estimated burden: 3,312,524 hours per year. Burden is defined at 5 CFR 1320.03(b).

Total estimated cost: \$151,077,143 per year, includes \$0 annualized capital or operation and maintenance costs.

Changes in the Estimates: There is no change in the total estimated respondent burden compared with that identified in the ICR currently approved by OMB.

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